"(3) Except as provided in paragraph (4), any recommended pay adjustment approved under paragraph (2) shall take effect as of the date proposed by the President under subsection (h) with respect to such adjustment.

"(4)(A) Notwithstanding the approval of the President's pay recommendations in accordance with paragraph (2), none of those recommendations shall take effect unless, between the date on which the bill or resolution approving those recommendations is signed by the President (or otherwise becomes law) and the earliest date as of which the President proposes (under subsection (h)) that any of those recommendations take effect, an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

"(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'election of Representatives' means an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November in any even-numbered calendar year.".

(h) AMENDMENT TO SECTION 225(i).—Section 225(i)(A) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 360(A)) is amended by striking "(other than" and all that follows thereafter through ", and" and inserting "(other than any provision of law enacted with respect to such recommendations in the period beginning on the date the President transmits his recommendations to the Congress under subsection (h) and ending on the date of their approval under subsection (i)(2)), and".

(i) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO RECOMMENDATIONS.—Section 225 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 351 and following) is amended by adding at the end the following:

2 use 362.

"(i) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO RECOMMENDATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the recommendations submitted by the Commission to the President under subsection (g), and the recommendations transmitted by the President to the Congress under subsection (h), shall be in conformance with the following:

"(1) Any recommended pay adjustment shall specify the date as of which it is proposed that such adjustment take effect.

"(2) The proposed effective date of a pay adjustment may occur no earlier than January 1 of the second fiscal year, and no later than December 31 next following the close of the fifth

fiscal year, beginning after the fiscal year in which the Commission conducts its review under subsection (f).

"(3)(A)(i) The rates of pay recommended for the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Vice President of the United States, and the Chief Justice of the United States, respectively, shall be equal.

"(ii) The rates of pay recommended for the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the Senate, and each office or position under section 5312 of title 5, United States Code (relating to level I of the Executive Schedule), respectively, shall be equal.

"(iii) The rates of pay recommended for a Senator, a Member of the House of Representatives, the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, a Delegate to the House of Representatives, a judge of a district court of the United States, a judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and each office or position under section 5313 of title 5, United States Code (relating to level II of the Executive Schedule), respectively, shall be equal.